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**Hungary's Air Patrol Areas,
Aerial Gunnery Ranges,
and Bombing Ranges**

Air Patrol Areas

1. As part of the Hungarian Air Defense System those sectors of the country deemed vital to any war effort were assigned to fighter elements of the Hungarian Air Force for air patrolling. Triangular-shaped areas, their air security was primarily the responsibility of the following three fighter divisions: the Papa (N 47-20, E 17-28) Special Fighter Division (Soviet), the Tassar (N 46-22, E 17-54) 91st Fighter Division, and the Kecskemet (N 46-54, E 19-41) 66th Fighter Division. In case of war, Kunmadaras Airfield (N 47-45, E 20-47) was to provide fighter assistance to the Kecskemet Division for patrol duties. The air patrols consisted of one or two MIG-15s or MIG-17 PFs. During peacetime, not all areas were regularly patrolled.

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Aerial Gunnery and Bombing Ranges

2. Gunnery ranges in Hungary were used by the Hungarian Air Force for both air-to-air and air-to-ground firing practice. The aerial gunnery ranges were rectangularly shaped, about 15 kilometers long and five kilometers wide. The targets were painted silhouettes of aircraft and tanks. Hungary's single bomb range at Nagyivany (N 47-29, E 20-56) was also a gunnery range. The bomb target was a lime-painted ring 30 meters in diameter with inner circles.

Identification Data

3. Inclosure 1 is an overlay of [redacted] L'vov; [redacted] Wien; [redacted] Budapest; [redacted] Graz; [redacted] Zagreb, Scale 1:1,500,000, pinpointing the air patrol areas, aerial gunnery ranges and bombing ranges in Hungary. Numbers and letters below refer to numbers and letters on the overlay.

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- (1) Patrol Area of Kapuvar (N 47-36, E 17-02), Szany (N 47-28, E 17-18), Csorna (N 47-37, E 17-15) - the responsibility of the Papa Special Fighter Division.
- (2) Patrol Area of Nagysigand (N 47-38, E 18-06), Felsogalla (N 47-32, E 18-26), Kisber (N 47-30, E 17-40) - the responsibility of the Papa Special Fighter Division.
- (3) Patrol Area of Szekesfehervar (N 47-12, E 18-25), Berhida (N 47-06, E 18-07), Polgardi (N 47-03, E 18-17) - the responsibility of the Papa Special Fighter Division and the Tassar 91st Fighter Division.

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- (4) Patrol Area of Dunaföldvár (N 46-48, E 18-56), Fülöpszallas (N 46-49, E 19-14), Rosti-Pusztá (N 47-05, E 18-07) - the responsibility of the Taszar Division and the Kecskemet 66th Fighter Division.
- (5) Patrol Area of Kiskunhalas (N 46-26, E 19-29), Janoshalma (N 46-18, E 19-19), Kecel (N 46-31, E 19-15) - the responsibility of the Kecskemet Division.
- (6) Patrol Area of Pecs (N 46-05, E 18-13), Nemetboly (N 45-58, E 18-30), Komló (N 46-11, E 18-15) - the responsibility of the Taszar Division.
- (7) Patrol Area of Kaposvár (N 46-21, E 17-41), Godre (N 46-18, E 17-58), Gige (N 46-18, E 17-36) - the responsibility of the Taszar Division.
- (8) Patrol Area of Nagykanizsa (N 46-27, E 16-59), Ihárosbereny (N 46-22, E 17-07), Zalaszentjaker (N 46-29, E 17-08) - the responsibility of the Taszar Division.
- (9) Patrol Area of Tapolca (N 46-53, E 17-26), Sümeg (N 46-58, E 17-17), Balatonedrics (N 46-48, E 17-23) - the responsibility of the Papa Division.
- (10) Patrol Area of Nagyesakany (coord unknown), Pankasz (N 46-50, E 16-30), Haromhaz (N 46-57, E 16-20) - the responsibility of the Taszar Division.
- (11) Patrol Area of Felsőgod (N 47-42, E 19-09), Kalló (N 47-45, E 19-29), Osagard (N 47-51, E 19-12) - the responsibility of the Kecskemet Division.
- (12) Patrol Area of Eger (N 47-54, E 20-22), Füzesabony (N 47-45, E 20-25), Mezőkövesd (N 47-48, E 20-34) - the responsibility of the Kecskemet Division.
- (13) Patrol Area of Nadudvar (N 47-25, E 21-10), Hajdusoboszló (N 47-26, E 21-23), Balmazújváros (N 47-36, E 21-20) - the responsibility of the Kecskemet Division.
- (14) Patrol Area of Bekescsaba (N 46-39, E 21-05), Gyula (N 46-28, E 21-16), Bekes (N 46-46, E 21-08) - the responsibility of the Kecskemet Division.
- (15) Patrol Area of Hodmezővasarhely (N 46-25, E 20-20), Algyó (N 46-20, E 20-13), Földes (N 46-19, E 20-29) - the responsibility of the Kecskemet Division.
- (16) Patrol Area of Szolnok (N 47-10, E 20-11), Törökszentmiklós (N 47-19, E 20-25), Ujszász (N 47-18, E 20-04) - the responsibility of the Kecskemet Division.
- (17) Patrol Area of Pilis (N 47-17, E 19-33), Üllő (N 47-23, E 19-21), Sari (N 47-12, E 19-16) - the responsibility of the Kecskemet Division.

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- (A) **Fertő Gunnery Range** - located about two kilometers northeast of Sopron (N 47-41, E 16-36) over Fertő Lake (N 43-37, E 16-50).
- (B) **Bakonybel (N 41-15, E 17-44) Gunnery Range** - located about 12 kilometers west of Varpalota (N 47-12, E 18-08).
- (C) **Seregelyes (N 47-06, E 18-35) Gunnery Range** - located about 15 kilometers southeast of Szekesfehervar (N 47-12, E 18-25).
- (D) **Űrkeny (N 47-07, E 19-26) Gunnery Range** - located about 20 kilometers southeast of Ossa (N 47-17, E 19-13).
- (E) **Szilvasvarad (N 48-06, E 20-24) Gunnery Range** - located about 12 kilometers southwest of Miskolc (N 48-06, E 20-47).
- (F) **Nagyivany Gunnery and Bombing Range** - located about 10 to 15 kilometers east of Kunmadaras. This range was used as a combined bombing and gunnery range.
- (G) **Bugagi (coord unknown) Gunnery Range** - located about 10 kilometers northeast of Kiskőrös (N 46-37, E 19-17).
- (H) **Mesztegnyo (N 46-30, E 17-25) Aerial Gunnery Range** - located about 30 kilometers northeast of Nagykanizsa.

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HUNGARY'S PATROL AREAS, - AERIAL GUNNERY AND BOMBING RANGES

